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In re application of
Robert Degen et al.
Application No. 10/091,000
Filed: March 4, 2002
For: MONEY TRANSFER EVALUATION
SYSTEMS AND METHODS

: DECISION ON PETITION
: TO MAKE SPECIAL
: (COUNTER TERRORISM)

This is in response to the petition filed on March 4, 2002 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of inventions for countering terrorism as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 XI.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and (B) a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism.

Applicant's petition states that "various embodiments disclosed in the application include systems and methods used to detect suspicious activities occurring in relation to money transfers...such as those identified in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks". The above statement is insufficient to explain HOW the invention contributes to countering terrorism. The petition lacks any specifics about what specific type of money transfers that are attributable to terrorism, as well as any specifics as to what the "systems and methods" are or how they are to be used to counteract this specific type of terrorism activity. Thus, the statement by the applicant is not seen as being sufficient to accord special status to this application.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Should petitioner desire reconsideration, he should supplement this petition by a declaration or statement giving the information as outlined above. Petitioner should promptly submit such a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until any such renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.



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